

OFFICE OF NATIONAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

December 4, 1972

AUTHORIZATION AND MISSION STATEMENT OF THE  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE

1. On July 27, 1972, President Nixon issued Executive Order 11676, directing that there be established within the U.S. Department of Justice an Office of National Narcotics Intelligence (ONNI). The Order assigned to the Director of ONNI the responsibility for developing and maintaining a National Narcotics Intelligence System for use in conjunction with Government measures aimed at: (a) restricting the illegal flow of narcotics from abroad; (b) strengthening domestic law enforcement activities of Federal, State and local agencies in the narcotics area; (c) initiating programs for drug abuse prevention, education, treatment and rehabilitation. Issuance of the Executive Order was followed by an appropriation request which the President transmitted to the Congress specifying that the mission of ONNI is "to coordinate the determination of narcotics intelligence requirements and the collection, analysis and dissemination of narcotics intelligence from both overseas and domestic sources."

2. The President's directive confirms that the narcotics intelligence effort of the United States is a national responsibility of high priority. Other agencies of the U.S. Government are directed to make available to the Director of ONNI information, assistance and services which are pertinent to the development and maintenance of the National Narcotics Intelligence System. The Order further provides that the Director of ONNI may call upon State and local agencies for such information. The Director is also authorized to furnish narcotics intelligence to Federal, State and local officials who are found to have an official need for it.

3. In keeping with the mission assigned by the President, ONNI will initiate action to achieve an integrated, effective, national narcotics intelligence effort on the part of all elements of the U. S. intelligence community, both foreign and domestic, in support of the Government's total attack on the narcotics problem. In pursuit of this objective, ONNI will:

(a) Establish and maintain close working relationships with Government departments and agencies which produce, and are users of, narcotics intelligence, with a view to achieving increased efficiency of procedures and formats for the reporting, analysis, storage, retrieval and exchange of such intelligence.

(b) Conduct a continuing review of overall U. S. narcotics intelligence with a view to identifying significant gaps and deficiencies, as the basis for the undertaking of measures to strengthen the U. S. narcotics intelligence effort.

(c) Monitor and coordinate the requirements for and the analysis, production, and dissemination of foreign and domestic narcotics intelligence and related information, to insure that the intelligence product meets the needs of Federal, State and local officials having operational, planning and policy-making responsibilities in the narcotics field. ONNI will discuss with originating agencies the requirements for protection of their narcotics intelligence sources and methods and will insure that necessary safeguards are applied.

(d) Consult with State, county and municipal agencies with a view to increasing their capabilities in the collection, analysis and exchange of narcotics intelligence. In those instances involving matters falling within the responsibility of a Federal department or agency, this consultation will be effected by ONNI through the established channels of that department or agency. In other instances having to do with matters of overriding national interest going beyond the responsibilities of a particular Federal department or agency, ONNI may consult directly with the State, county and local entities involved.